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HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF:  
**Spring Skates**  
**Hockey Skates**  
**Hockey Sticks**

ALL SIZES. RIGHT PRICES.  
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**G. W. Cornell**  
 ..... Dentist

Cor. 6th and King Sts.,  
 Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

**THE PROBABILITY**

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Feb. 9, 10 a. m.—Strong  
 westerly winds, fair and colder.  
 Saturday fair and cold.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Full chorus rehearsal for patriotic  
 concert in Central hall to-night at  
 8 o'clock, sharp. Full attendance re-  
 quested.

The Rev. Israel, evangelist, after  
 three weeks' labor with much success,  
 will preach his farewell sermon Sun-  
 day evening, Feb. 11th, in the First  
 Baptist church, King street. All are  
 invited.

The officials of the L. E. & D. R. R.  
 were in the city yesterday on their  
 way home after a trip over the whole  
 road. The party was composed of T.  
 Marshall, assistant general freight  
 and passenger agent; J. H. Coburn, se-  
 nior, E. A. Drake, travelling freight  
 and passenger agent; H. Morris, road-  
 master, and R. K. Cameron.

The Maple City hockey team have  
 secured the rink from the rangers for  
 tonight when they will engage in a  
 friendly game with Glenora. Both  
 teams are well matched, and as Glen-  
 ora defeated Chatham a few weeks  
 ago, it is all up to the Maple City  
 boys to retrieve their laurels and this  
 they are determined to do so that a  
 good game may be looked for. The  
 game will start at 8 o'clock. The  
 team will be goal, Sam Mercer, point,  
 F. Stinson, cover point, W. A. Camp-  
 bell, forwards, W. Mercer, Max Fra-  
 zer, McLeod, and H. B. White.

Last Thursday's meeting of the W.  
 O. T. U. was given over almost en-  
 tirely to the business of preparing for  
 the Willard memorial service to be  
 held in the room of the society next  
 Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.  
 The devotional part of the meeting  
 was opened by singing hymn 96, af-  
 ter which the president read 5th chap-  
 ter of St. Paul's epistle to the Colos-  
 sians, dwelling particularly on verse  
 17. Prayers. Minutes of last meeting  
 were then read and adopted. We then  
 received into our union in full mem-  
 bership a dear little girl, Ethel Pike,  
 who was then appointed collector for  
 our mission among lumbermen in Al-  
 gonquin. A suitable address and prayer  
 closed an impressive ceremony. A  
 lady from Stratford gave some inter-  
 esting notes concerning the work  
 there.—Press Sept.



**Bread, Cakes**  
**Pies and**  
**Pastry**

of the very best—  
 carefully, skill-  
 fully and daintily  
 made from high  
 grade flour and  
 the purest materials, all you will ever  
 find in our choice stock.  
 Special attention is given to regular  
 family bread, with prompt deliveries.  
 Our Home-made Bread is particularly  
 nice, and our Cakes rich and light. Our  
 pastry you will always find fresh and  
 delicious.

W. S. RICHARDS

**Society Dress Hints....**

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6  
 o'clock is the full dress suit.

There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo or dinner  
 coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.

The Livermore is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.

The Falletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while  
 the frock suit is the correct day dress.

**Morley & Co. TAILORS and IMPORTERS**

**IT IS A HOT POSITION**

**Butler Rushing up Artillery to Hold**  
**Vaal Krantz.**

London, Feb. 9.—A despatch dated  
 from Frere, Thursday, Feb. 8, but  
 probably written with the advanced  
 lines, Wednesday, Feb. 7, and sent to  
 Frere by runner, says:

"The forces of the Boers are on both  
 our flanks and continue to render our  
 position extremely difficult to main-  
 tain."

Beyond the fact that Gen. Buller de-  
 voted Wednesday to bringing more  
 artillery and troops across the Tugela,  
 nothing is known of his movements,  
 but that he badly needed reinforce-  
 ments is evident from the foregoing.

**KODDOESBERG**

Koodoesberg Drift, Feb. 8.—The  
 Boers yesterday made a determined  
 attempt to drive the British from a  
 hill commanding the drift. Mounting  
 two 7-pounders at the northern ex-  
 tremity they shelled the position in-  
 termittently the whole day.

The Seaforth Highlanders gained a  
 position on the rocky summit and kept  
 up a sustained rifle fire, but suffered  
 somewhat from the Boer shelling. A  
 battery was sent and succeeded in  
 silencing the Boer fire.

Meanwhile two companies of the Ar-  
 gyll Highlanders, advancing along  
 the plain, in a westerly direction,  
 found the Boers entrenched at a small

**SKIRMISH AT**

Head Lager, Ladysmith, Wednes-  
 day, Feb. 7.—An armored train yester-  
 day made a sortie from Chieveley  
 toward Colenso, and landed 2,000 Brit-  
 ish troops on the right of the Boer  
 position. The Boers immediately cross-  
 ed the river and made an attack with  
 rifles and artillery, forcing the with-  
 drawal of both the train and the

**DE AAR THREATENED.**

London, Feb. 9.—Much confidence is  
 felt in Lord Roberts' campaign against  
 the Free State from Cape Colony. Gen.  
 Gatacre has strengthened his outposts  
 north and west of Sterkstroom, which  
 were threatened with attack, but has  
 not massed his forces for an advance  
 toward the Orange river.

Gen. French was bombarding the  
 Boer position vigorously yesterday from  
 Colenso, but his maneuvers have not  
 yet been crowned with success. The

**ARTILLERY WILL**

New York, Feb. 9.—London news-  
 papers realize that Gen. Buller's third  
 fight to rescue Ladysmith has only  
 begun; that he is not much better off  
 now than he was when he captured  
 Spion kop, and that there will be fur-  
 ther long lists of dead and wounded  
 whether he fails or succeeds.

Nothing has been published as to  
 Gen. Buller's movements on Thurs-  
 day. If he is able to hold his ground  
 at Vaal Krantz and bring up more  
 troops and artillery, the critics will be  
 satisfied.

It is not known in London how im-  
 portant Vaal Krantz is, but it is pre-  
 tending to fight every inch of the way.  
 There is no strategy involved in Gen.  
 Buller's movement. He is hammering  
 his way through the Boers by means  
 of artillery. He is moving straight  
 toward Ladysmith, and seeking to  
 split Roberts' army.

"Pretoria despatches continue to de-

scribe the Boer losses as trivial, and  
 the British advantages of position as  
 decisive.

The success of the British movement  
 appears to be an artillery problem.  
 Vaal Krantz is exposed to a long-  
 range enfilading fire from Spion kop  
 on the west and Doorn kloof on the  
 east. The British are on lower kopjes  
 and the Boers have mounted heavy  
 guns on higher summits, which com-  
 mand Vaal Krantz.

The British themselves have massed  
 their heavy guns on Mount Alice and  
 Zwart kop on the southern bank of  
 the river, and have brought their field  
 batteries into action with cumulative  
 effect. Continual occupation of the  
 kopjes and the advance of Buller's  
 troops to Ladysmith depend upon the  
 power of the British artillery to sil-  
 ence these enfilading guns. This is  
 the view taken in official circles and  
 there is a buoyant feeling of confi-  
 dence.

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 in position yesterday and that another  
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 the meanwhile news is awaited with  
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 Methuen ordered a retirement to  
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**CHEVELEY.**

drawal of both the train and the  
 troops to Cheveley.

The fighting on the upper Tugela  
 river lasted until 8:30 yesterday, Tues-  
 day evening. Particulars are lacking.  
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**Specials in Ladies' Wear**

Our special mid-winter prices appeal to every customer  
 within reach of our store. The special prices will continue all  
 this month, watch our advertisements, come and see the goods  
 and you will soon realize that to you these prices mean money  
 saved.

Ladies' union drawers, regular 50c quality, selling at..... 35c  
 Heavy union underwear, vests and drawers to match, reg. price 50c per garment..... \$1.00 per suit  
 Children's black tights, at..... 19c per pair  
 Children's fibre chamois vests, at..... 10c  
 Ladies' fibre chamois vests, at..... 25c and 50c



**Our Stock**  
**Of Flannelette**  
**Wrappers**  
**At**  
**Reduced**  
**Prices**

No. 997—of fine wrappette, with lining in waist and sleeves, this number is  
 neatly made with pointed yoke and trimmed with narrow frills, popular  
 colors, perfect fitting, for..... \$1.58  
 No. 868—Flannelette wrapper, made with deep flounce on skirt and frills over  
 shoulders..... \$1.58  
 No. 758—Flannelette wrapper, costume and black with black velvet yoke and trim-  
 med with narrow ribbon, reg. price \$2.75, selling for..... \$1.89

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 quality to the ordinary. A good time now to make your selection as repeat orders  
 will cost more later on.

**Embroidery**

1—Fine Swiss embroidery, 3 in. wide,  
 assorted patterns, with good edge in-  
 sertions to match, 10c per yd.  
 2—Fine Swiss embroidery, 4 in. wide,  
 very pretty patterns, with insertions to  
 match, 12c per yd.  
 3—Swiss embroidery, 2 in. wide, with  
 gimp edge, 8c per yd.  
 4—Swiss embroidery, 5 in. wide, very  
 new patterns, good edges, 30c per yd.  
 5—Fine muslin insertions, assorted  
 widths and patterns, at 8c, 10c, 12c,  
 15c and 25c.  
 6—Fine damask edging, 2 in. wide,  
 pretty gimp edge, 8c per yd.  
 7—Damask embroidery, 3 in. wide,  
 with gimp edge, 10c per yd.  
 8—Cambric embroidery, 5 in. wide,  
 assorted patterns, gimp edge, at 16c,  
 17c, 20c per yd.  
 9—Fine all over embroidery, pretty  
 designs, at 65c and \$1.75.

**...Hosiery****Socks...**

1—Children's all wool hose, small  
 sizes, 10c per pair.  
 2—Misses' all wool hose, sizes 7, 7½,  
 8, reg. 25c quality for 19c.  
 3—Misses' pure wool cashmere hose,  
 double knit, sole and toe, regular 40c  
 quality, for 30c per pair.  
 4—Ladies' pure cashmere hose, double  
 sole, heel and toe, plain or ribbed, reg-  
 ular 40c quality for 30c per pair.

**CLOTHING DEPARTMENT**

**Splendid**  
**Purchasing**  
**Opportunities**

At this season there are many extraordinary chances to se-  
 cure goods of a desirable kind at much below usual prices.  
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**MEN'S UNDERWEAR**

Men's heavy fancy shirts and drawers,  
 35c, clearing at 25c.  
 Men's fine wool fancy striped shirts  
 and drawers, 65c, clearing at 47c.  
 Men's fine wool plain shirts and draw-  
 ers, 65c, clearing at 47c.  
 Men's fine plain shirts and drawers,  
 75c, clearing at 69c.  
 Men's fine fancy shirts and drawers,  
 75c, clearing at 69c.  
 Men's fine plain gray shirts and draw-  
 ers, \$1, clearing at 85c.  
 Men's fine plain gray shirts and draw-  
 ers, \$1.25, clearing at 98c.  
 Men's imported Scotch wool shirts  
 and drawers, \$2.50, clearing at \$1.98.  
 Men's fleece undershirts, were 75c,  
 clearing at 59c.

**MEN'S SOX**

Men's heavy union sox, special 10c.  
 Men's all wool sox, rib tops, special 12½c.  
 Men's fine merino sox, special at 15c.  
 Men's close knit heavy wool sox, special  
 at 20c.  
 Men's extra heavy wool egg, close, rib  
 tops, special 25c.  
 Men's special imported cashmere, value  
 at 40c, our special 25c.

**OUR GREAT SHIRT SALE BOOMING**

The best English cambrics, all colors  
 warranted fast, neat and genteel pat-  
 terns, reg. \$1 and \$1.25 lines, going  
 at 75c while they last.

**Our Celebrated Iron Frame Linen Unlaundered Shirts**

Just opened up this week a big case,  
 all double back and front, the best in  
 Canada, sizes 13½ to 17½, very special  
 50c.

**A GREAT SUSPENDER OFFER**

Having cleared a big lot of men's  
 braces, in extra qualities, nice sliding  
 buckles, nobby patterns, good value at  
 40c, our special 25c.

**The Great Suit and**  
**Overcoat Sale**  
 still on this week.

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

**C. Austin & Co.,**

The Money Saving Spot for Men.

**Picture Framing**

We have a complete stock  
 of the newest things in  
 Picture Mouldings and are  
 prepared to frame pictures  
 at reasonable prices.

**WALL-  
PAPER**

We have received our  
 first consignment of Wall  
 Papers for spring and will  
 be pleased to show  
 samples and give esti-  
 mates

**CHICAGO MARKETS.**

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec...				
May...	68 1/2	68 3/4	68 1/4	68 1/2
July...	69 1/2	69 3/4	69 1/4	69 1/2
Corn—Sept...				
May...	33 1/2	33 3/4	33 1/4	33 1/2
July...	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/4	34 1/2
Oats—Sept...				
May...	23 1/2	23 3/4	23 1/4	23 1/2
July...				
Port—Dec...				
May...	11 3/4	11 3/4	11 07	11 07
July...	11 07	11 07	11 02	11 02
Lard—Dec...				
May...	6 20	6 20	6 12	6 12
July...				
Ribs—Oct...				
July...	6 12	6 12	6 05	6 05